

FRENCH HALTED  
GERMAN RUSH  
ON PEPPER HILL

Assault on French Positions  
North of Verdun Was the  
Only Infantry Engage-  
ment Attempted, Accord-  
ing to Paris Official An-  
nouncement This After-  
noon

VIOLENT ARTILLERY  
FIRE AT MALANCOURT

There Is Renewed Activity  
on the Saloniki Front, the  
French Column Having  
Advanced Beyond the En-  
trenched Camp and Occu-  
pied Some Villages

The fighting about Verdun has again slackened, according to today's Paris statement, the only infantry attack reported being an unsuccessful one by the Germans on French position on Pepper hill north of the fortress. Artillery activity has been intermittent, reaching considerable violence, however, in the vicinity of Malancourt on the west bank of the Meuse.

There is renewed activity in the Balkans, north of Saloniki, the French column advanced from an entrenched camp and occupied villages near the Greek border which the Teutonic and Bulgarian forces had entered, according to news agency dispatches from Saloniki. The neutral frontier zone has been eliminated, it appears, and the forces of the entente and central powers are face to face along that part of the front.

FRENCH DESTROYER  
SUNK BY SUBMARINE

47 Officers and Men Were Lost When the  
Renaudin Was Sunk in the  
Adriatic on Saturday.

Paris, March 20.—The French torpedo boat destroyer Renaudin has been sunk in the Adriatic by a submarine. Three officers and 44 men of the crew were lost. Two officers and 34 of the crew were saved.

The minister of marine made the following official announcement last night regarding the loss of the destroyer.

"The squadron boat Renaudin was sunk in the Adriatic by an enemy submarine on the morning of March 18. Three officers, among whom were the commandant and second officer, and 44 seamen were lost. Two officers and 34 seamen were rescued by a French torpedo boat which accompanied the Renaudin."

The destroyer Renaudin was built in 1913. She measured 756 tons and was 256 feet in length. She was a 30-knot boat but in her trials had developed 32 knots.

## HOSPITAL SHIP TORPEDOED.

One Sailor Drowned and Two Red Cross  
Nurses Injured.

Berlin, March 20, by wireless to Sayville.—The Austro-Hungarian hospital ship Elektra was torpedoed Saturday in the Adriatic sea by an entente allied submarine according to the Overseas News agency. One sailor was drowned and two Red Cross nurses were badly wounded.

The statement of the news agency follows:

"Vienna reports that the hospital ship Elektra of the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross bound from the North Adriatic to southern Dalmatia was torpedoed March 18 by an enemy submarine. The steamer straggled. One sailor was drowned and two Red Cross nurses were badly injured.

## BRITISH LOST GROUND.

Germans Advanced in Region North of  
Vermelles.

Berlin, via London, March 20.—A successful attack against the British lines north of Vermelles, in which the Germans regained ground they had lost in mine fighting on March 2, was announced yesterday by the war office as follows:

"Northeast of Vermelles, southeast of La Bassée canal, after effective artillery preparation and five successful explosions were reaptured from the British some little gains they had obtained in mine fighting on March 2. Of the British occupants, the majority of whom were buried in the flattened trenches, were captured 20 survivors. A British counter-attack failed.

"The town of Lens was again bombarded by heavy British artillery."

## QUIET SUNDAY BEFORE VERDUN.

Germans Made No Attempt to Renew the  
Attack.

Paris, March 20.—The bombardment in the region to the north of Verdun very

materially slackened during the course of the day, according to the official statement issued by the French war office last night. No attempt to attack was made by the Germans. The text of the statement follows:

"North of Rheims our artillery carried out a destructive fire on the enemy trenches at Neuville and the Godat farm. There was marked activity of our batteries in the region of Ville au Bois.

"In the region to the north of Verdun the bombardment slackened appreciably during the course of the day. The enemy made no attempt to attack.

"Northeast of St. Mihiel, our heavy artillery cannonaded revictualing depots of the enemy at Vervigny. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

"Adjutant Navarre brought down his seventh German aeroplane in the region of Verdun. The hostile machine fell inside our lines."

THREE MORE SHIPS  
HAVE BEEN SUNK

British Vessel Lost Part of Crew, Nor-  
wegian Lost One Man and Danish  
Steamer Has Three Missing.

London, March 20.—The sinking of the Norwegian steamer Langelie with the loss of one life and of the British steamer Port Dalhousie was announced today. Seven men of the Dalhousie were landed; the remainder of the crew are missing. The Danish steamer Skodsborg has been sunk. Three of her crew are missing; 17 were saved.

## 9,270 RUSSIAN DEAD

In Lake Naroz Region, According to  
German Report.

London, March 20.—With the slackening of the fighting around Verdun the Russians have started a big offensive movement against the Germans on the eastern front. A raid by German aeroplanes on the east coast of England and by French aeroplanes on Metz and other German towns, the sinking of a French torpedo boat destroyer by a submarine in the Adriatic and the reported torpedoing of an Austrian hospital ship by an allied under-water boat are recorded in official and unofficial communications.

Berlin chronicles an attack of great violence by the Russians around Drisatys lake and Lake Naroz, but says the Russians were repulsed with great losses, 9,270 Russian dead having been counted in the Lake Naroz region.

ATTEMPT TO KILL  
PROVED FAILURE

Rome Dispatch Received in London Says  
That Effort Was Made to Assassinate  
Premier Radoslavoff  
of Bulgaria.

London, March 20.—An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome.

## FRENCH SEIZE TWO TOWNS.

Drove the Germans from Them Into Bul-  
garian Territory.

Paris, March 20.—French troops have occupied Ilep and Mayadat on the frontier of Greece and Serbian Macedonia, after pursuing a German contingent into Bulgarian territory opposite the Gievleit sector, says a Havas dispatch from Athens dated Saturday. The losses on each side were about 30 killed.

The French forces arrested 40 persons on charges of espionage, says the dispatch.

## NO NEW LOANS FOR ALLIES.

According to Information Given By J. P.  
Morgan.

New York, March 20.—J. P. Morgan, head of the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., who arrived here yesterday from Liverpool on the steamship Philadelphia, reiterated the denial recently issued from this office here that a new credit against American securities for the entente allies, said to have been mobilized in London had been arranged by him.

He asserted that he knew of no new loan to the allies being contemplated nor asserted that the resources created by the last loan were not exhausted, supporting his assertion of reference to the steadiness of the exchange market. As to the reported mobilizing in London of American securities held in Great Britain and France, Mr. Morgan said:

"I understand they expect to handle these securities as they have been doing in the past and they will be taken care of in a way that will not hurt the market."

The financier refused to discuss his mission abroad or in what transactions he had been engaged. He declined also to talk of a second appearance as a witness before the Thompson legislative committee to testify regarding the affairs of the Interborough Rapid Transit company. "I know nothing about it," he asserted.

## BURIAL AT DANVILLE.

Mrs. Eliza M. Gray Died Yesterday at  
Woodville, N. H.

Woodville, N. H., March 20.—Mrs. Eliza M. Gray, aged 58 years, widow of Andrew Gray of Wells River, Vt., died yesterday at the home of her brother, F. K. Kirtledge, of Woodville, after a few weeks' illness. Funeral will be held Tuesday at 1:15 p. m., from the Kirtledge home and the body taken to Danville, Vt., for burial.

Mrs. Francis A. McCarthy of Averill street left the city this morning for her former home in Franconia, N. H., where she came to make a visit of a week.

A telephone call at 8:15 Saturday night brought the fire truck to the grocery store conducted by J. G. Shadrout on South Main street, where a defective chimney had allowed the scorching around it to become heated to the ignition point. The use of hand chemicals was sufficient to quench the blaze, as it was discovered before it had gained headway. The damage was slight.

FIERCE  
ATTACK  
BY AIR

Sixty-Five British, French,  
and Belgian Flying Ma-  
chines Made a Concerted  
Assault on German Sea-  
planes and Aerodrome in  
Belgian Coast Town of  
Zeebrugge

MUCH DAMAGE DONE,  
BRITISH BELIEVE

## Attackers Hurlled Bombs

Which Averaged to Weigh  
200 Pounds, and All the  
Allies' Machines Returned  
Safely, Although One Bel-  
gian Officer Was Injured

London, March 20.—Sixty-five aeroplanes today bombarded the Belgian coast town of Zeebrugge, and all of the machines returned.

The official statement regarding the attack says:

"In the early hours this morning combined forces of approximately 50 British, French and Belgian aeroplanes and seaplanes, accompanied by 15 other fighting machines, attacked German seaplanes stationed at Zeebrugge and an aerodrome at Houttave, near Zeebrugge. Considerable damage appeared to have been done. The machines fired an average of 200-pound bombs. All the machines returned safely. One Belgian officer is reported to have been seriously wounded."

40 CASUALTIES IN  
GERMAN AIR RAID

Bombs Dropped on Several Places on  
Coast of Kent By Four Machines—  
Canadian Hospital at Ram-  
gate Sunk.

London, March 20.—Nine persons were killed and 31 injured in a raid of four German aeroplanes over the east coast of Kent yesterday, it was announced officially last night. A British airman brought down one raider over the sea, the German observer being killed.

The official statement on the raid reads as follows:

"Four German aeroplanes flew over east Kent today. The first pair appeared over Dover at a height of 5,000 to 6,000 feet, one at 1:57 p. m., the second at 2:02 p. m.

"The first dropped six bombs in the harbor; then went northwest dropping bombs on the town. The other raider, after passing over Dover, appeared over Deal at 2:13 and dropped several bombs.

"The second pair appeared over Ramsgate at 2:10. They dropped bombs on the town. One of this pair went west, the other north, pursued by a British aeroplane. One bomb is reported to have been dropped on Margate.

"The second machine appeared over Westgate at 3:20. Here several of our aeroplanes went up in pursuit. No bombs were dropped on Westgate.

"The total casualties so far reported are: Killed, three men, one woman and five children; injured, 17 men, five women, nine children.

"As far as ascertained 48 bombs were dropped altogether. One bomb fell on the Canadian hospital at Ramsgate causing damage, but no casualties. Material damage done: Several houses, the homes of artisans and cottages were wrecked.

"Flight Commander Bone, royal naval air service, in a single seater aeroplane, pursued one German seaplane 30 miles out to sea, where, after an action lasting a quarter of an hour, he forced it to descend. The German machine was hit many times and the observer was killed."

According to a dispatch from Ramsgate, the two German seaplanes which carried out a raid on that place were attacked at sea by a French machine before reaching the coast. The seaplanes, however, arrived over the town and dropped a number of bombs, one of which killed a man and four children.

So far as can be ascertained the other Ramsgate casualties total one woman and eight children slightly wounded.

There were no casualties. The town had only a few minutes' warning of the approach of the aircraft. Most of the inhabitants rushed into the street, where they had an excellent view of a fight in the air between the raiders and an English air squadron which rose in pursuit. With the aid of a telescope it was possible to distinguish a great number of machines, twisting and turning in every direction in their manoeuvres to get quickly to the required altitude to combat the invaders.

As this strange Sunday afternoon entertainment proceeded, the people, regardless of danger, flocked to street corners, open places and to the water front. One of the machines in the air suddenly turned toward Deal and flew across the town, its passage being marked by the issue of a burst of smoke. The first three bombs fell at virtually the same moment, whereupon half the crowd in the open places fled to shelter. Later three other bombs fell.

## MAY ISSUE \$250,000 STOCK.

Montpelier & Barre Light & Power Co. to  
Retire That Amount Bonds.

Permission has been given by the Vermont public service commission to the Montpelier & Barre Light & Power company to issue \$250,000 6 per cent preferred stock, the same to be exchanged for a like amount of first refunding mortgage 5 per cent 30-year convertible gold bonds. A certificate granting such permission was issued by the commission as the result of a hearing held at Montpelier on March 10.

The commission finds that under the provisions of the mortgage securing the bonds the holders thereof are given the option on and after March 1, 1916, to convert the bonds into 6 per cent preferred stock at par; that there are \$250,000 of such bonds; that the bonds were legally issued and that it is necessary for the company to issue the stock in order to meet the mortgage obligation.

Therefore, the commission gives permission for this sole purpose and it stipulates that "if said corporation does so issue a stock of the same amount as the said bonds, it is hereby ordered to immediately cancel and retire said bonds received by it in exchange and on the 1st day of July, 1916, and every six months thereafter until said stock is fully issued, to file with this commission a written return, signed by the president and treasurer and verified by their oaths, setting forth its doings under this certificate and stating the amount of the stock issued, the number and face value of the bonds received in exchange therefor and that said bonds have been cancelled and retired."

## New Power Corporation Endorsed.

The public service commission has also granted a certificate setting forth that the establishment and maintenance of the Eastern Vermont Public Utilities corporation will promote the general good of the state. The signers of the petition for such a certificate were F. Monroe Dyer of New York City, W. C. Clifford of Bethel, L. M. Frost of Rutland, Albert A. Daniels of West Danville and E. F. Clark of Groton. The capital stock is \$200,000, divided into 2,000 shares and the principal office is at Hardwick.

The purpose of the Eastern Vermont Public Utilities corporation, as set forth in the articles of association are as follows:

"1. To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, and hold land, riparian and water rights and other real estate and property in the towns of Barnet, Groton, Ryegate, Stannard, Walden, Peacham and Danville, in the counties of Caledonia and in the town of Newbury, in the county of Orange, and to acquire and hold, develop and use water powers, and to build, construct, maintain and operate dams, storage basins, flumes, pipe lines, power plants, power stations, hydraulic works and all necessary equipment and apparatus in said towns, for the purpose of generating electrical energy for power, heat, light and other similar purposes.

"2. To construct, operate and maintain pole lines on land or easements acquired by purchase, lease or otherwise, on or streets and highways and all necessary distributing stations for the purpose of transmitting and distributing electrical energy for power, light, heat and other purposes in the towns of Danville, Peacham, Barnet, Ryegate, Groton, Stannard and Walden, in the county of Caledonia, and in the towns of Newbury, Topsham, Orange, Corinth, Washington, Chelsea, Tunbridge and Randolph in the county of Orange; and of Bethel and Royalton in the county of Windsor.

"3. To generate, distribute and sell electricity for power, light, heat and other purposes in the sale of electricity, persons residing in Vermont, municipal corporations or persons doing business in Vermont shall have preference, under similar terms and conditions. The last foregoing provision shall be considered as a contract between the corporation and the state of Vermont for the benefit of such inhabitants thereof as may be hereafter affected.

"4. To issue bonds and notes and to mortgage any or all of its property for the security of the same."

## Sidetrack at Windsor.

The commission has granted to the Central Vermont Railway company the right to build a siding for the Windsor Machine company at Windsor, the crossing to be constructed under stipulations set up by the commission. The siding crosses River street in that village at grade.

## WILD OKLAHOMA POLITICS.

Rival G. O. P. Factions Try to Hold Con-  
vention in Same Hall.

Muskogee, Okla., March 20.—Factional rivalries made the Muskogee county Republican convention Saturday a scene of riotous tumult which was not ended until J. C. Denton, one of two rival chairmen, was pulled from the desk upon which he stood and arrested, charged with carrying concealed weapons. With his arrest, the supporters of J. J. McGraw of Ponca City, candidate for national committeeman, withdrew and the adherents of James Harris of Wagoner, rival candidate for the same position, continued their deliberations.

Trouble began as soon as it became apparent that the Harris and McGraw factions would try to hold conventions in the same hall. Attempts to discuss business precipitated disorder until the delegates came to personal encounters and fought, while spectators booed and jeered. Denton's arrest was based on charges that he drew a pistol and threatened George Pascal, another delegate.

CARRANZA'S  
PROTEST MET  
PROMPT REPLY

Head of De Facto Govern-  
ment Against Occupation  
of Casas Grandes by the  
American Troops

SPECIFIC ORDER GIVEN  
TO PREVENT, SAYS U. S.

Washington Government  
Notified Carranza That  
the Troops Pursuing Villa  
Will Not Occupy Casas  
Grandes or Any Other  
City or Town in Mexico

Washington, D. C., March 20.—General Carranza has formally protested against American troops occupying Casas Grandes in their pursuit of Villa, and the American government has replied that the troops have been ordered specifically not to occupy Casas Grandes or any other towns or cities in Mexico.

The state department today had not received a reply to its request for the use of Mexican railroads in transporting supplies to the expeditionary forces. Generally, the reports from Mexico today were of an optimistic character. Acting Secretary of State Polk denied emphatically that the government had any reliable information of plots to bring about armed intervention. General Carranza, it was learned today, has been urged by some of his closest advisers to offer a large reward for the apprehension of Villa.

VILLA DOUBLES  
EAST AND SOUTH  
AS NET CLOSES

Carranza Troops Are Advancing from  
the South and American Forces  
Very Rapidly from the  
Northward.

El Paso, Tex., March 20.—Villa has doubled east and south of Nampiquipa, according to a telegram received by General Gaviña at Juarez today. He reports that Carranza troops are advancing from the south while Americans are continuing their march from the north in their effort to close the net about the bandit.

The problem of granting the United States permission to use the Mexican railroads to transport supplies to the American troops pursuing Villa overshadowed everything else in the Mexican situation today. The reply of Carranza is expected to go to Washington today. Refusal will embarrass the operations of the American troops, while the granting of the request, it was declared, would be seriously misconstrued by a portion of the Mexican people and would be exploited by the enemies of Carranza.

The unexpectedly rapid advance of the expeditionary forces under Pershing has forced the railroad question to an issue. Dr. I. J. Bush, formerly chief surgeon of the Madero army, asserted today that speed transportation facilities is essential to the further progress of the Americans. Bush said that no doubt Villa is spreading stories of wonderful victories over the Americans, of how he had captured Texas and that Carranza had gone over to the United States. It would be easy, he said, for Villa to make the ignorant people, among whom he is operating, believe the wildest stories.

MORE TROOPS ARRIVE  
FOR MEXICAN POINTS

Most of Those Coming to Columbus, N.  
M., are Cavalry and They Will Soon  
Be Dispatched After Villa.

Columbus, N. M., March 20.—Increased activity on the part of troops stationed here and the arrival during the night of a number of troop and supply trains indicated today that additional forces shortly will be on the way to augment the American punitive expeditionary forces now in the field in northern Mexico.

In addition to the troops which were detained here, a large part of which was cavalry, many passed through, bound apparently for some point westward along the border.

## AMMUNITION SMUGGLED IN.

Villa's Men Are Not Likely to Run Short,  
Says One Report.

El Paso, Tex., March 20.—Ammunition is being smuggled across the border into Mexico daily, according to a statement made here yesterday from an authoritative source. The maker of the statement gave the information in his possession to the government authorities. He refused to allow his name to be used.

"I know," he said, "that the military and federal authorities are doing everything in their power to stop the traffic, and they are being aided in every way possible by the various local authorities, but the smuggling is still going on. I only hope there are no Americans involved in it. If there are they ought to be hanged in public."

dition and even a few machine guns are hidden in or around El Paso is a report that has many believers here, although it is scouted by the police and military officials. There is, however, no question that uneasiness is growing here over the attitude and temper of the Mexicans. The extraordinary outward calm which has existed since the American troops crossed the border is considered the reverse of reassuring by Americans who are familiar with Mexico and the Mexican people.

THINK VILLA HAS RUN  
INTO A GOOD TRAP

Rapid Advance of American Troops and  
Cooperation of Carranza are Said to  
Have Accomplished It.

El Paso, Tex., March 20.—Francisco Villa has been driven into a trap by the rapid advance of the American troops, according to the information received yesterday in wireless dispatches from the front and in telegraphic dispatches to Gen. Gabriel Gaviña, the Carranza commander at Juarez.

Everything seems now to depend on the ability of the Carranza garrisons to hold their end of the net. On three sides the bandit chief is hemmed in by strong Carranza columns, while on the fourth the Americans are driving with amazing speed.

Villa was reported in the Babicora lake region on the ranch of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, which he has ravaged several times in the past. Babicora is about 50 miles south of Galeana, where one section of the American expeditionary force has arrived and is pushing forward at the rate of 33 miles a day. A few miles to the west of the bandit's position is Nampiquipa, which is held by a powerful Carranza garrison. On the east are the frowning barriers of the Sierra Madre mountains, barring the way to Sonora. Gen. Luis Gutierrez, Carranza's field chief, declares that he holds all the passes to Sonora.

To the south Villa's way is blocked by the Carranza garrison at Madew. A town of considerable importance as to headquarters of the Madera company, limited, an American concern which has vast lumber, mining and railroad interests.

On account of the importance of the town an exceptionally heavy Carranza force is said to hold it.

While Carranza and his military authorities have succeeded so far in avoiding any friction there is one serious crisis which may arise any time. As the lines of communication of the American forces lengthen the problem of bringing up supplies becomes increasingly more pressing.

## WATERBURY TOWN CLERK DEAD.

James K. Fullerton Had Been Prominent  
in Public Affairs.

Waterbury, March 20.—Town Clerk Fullerton, who has been ill for some time, passed away at his home on Main street Sunday morning at 10 o'clock of acute nephritis, with complications.

James Kendall Fullerton was born in Berlin Jan. 2, 1837, the son of Horatio F. and Sophia (Jeffords) Fullerton. When he was three months old, his parents moved to Watfield. There Mr. Fullerton attended the public schools, taught school and entered the mercantile business. At the age of 24 he moved to Waterbury and was for five years cashier of the Waterbury National bank. In 1863 he married Sophia Burnham of Brookfield. In 1866 he entered the firm of Richardson & Fullerton, merchants, successors to Haines & Richardson. In 1870 he was elected town clerk, a position which he has since held with much credit. He has also been justice of the peace for years, was town treasurer for 15 years and village clerk for a long time. He was re-elected town clerk and village clerk at the meetings this month, although seriously ill at the time. Mr. Fullerton had been closely identified with town affairs and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by four children, J. Burnham Fullerton, a merchant in Williamstown, Conn.; Lena, wife of James F. Somerville; Henry H. Fullerton, a dentist, and Dean S. Fullerton, assistant town clerk, all of this town. There are also four grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

In the going of Mr. Fullerton, Waterbury loses another of her prominent men, one who had the interests of the town at heart. With the funeral, immediate friends the community mourns.

## DIED IN WEBSTERVILLE.

Mrs. Catherine C. Donahue, a Native of  
Moretown.

Mrs. Catherine C. Donahue, aged 66, died yesterday forenoon at 9:45 at the home of her nephew, E. H. Nerney, in Websterville, after an illness of seven weeks' duration. Mrs. Donahue was born in Moretown, Jan. 13, 1850, and most of her life resided in Montpelier, going to live with Mr. Nerney seven years ago. She is survived by no nearer relatives than nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock from St. Sylvester's church in Granville. The body will be taken to Moretown for interment in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Noble Love of Tremont street accompanied C. A. Bemis of Williamstown to Montreal today, where Mr. Bemis is to consult Dr. Byers, an eye specialist. While ripping up the floor in his barn last week, Mr. Bemis got what is thought to be a piece of steel in his eye and it may be necessary to operate to remove the foreign substance.

Edwin, the two-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ploof of lower Websterville, died yesterday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock of a complication of disease. The child was first taken sick a week ago with pneumonia, followed by an attack of inflammation of the bowels, which was in turn succeeded by a case of the mumps, which resulted fatally. Besides its parents, three other children survive. Burial will take place tomorrow in the Catholic cemetery in this city.

WAS VETERAN  
PROBATE JUDGE

William W. Blodgett of  
Pawtucket Was Na-  
tive of Randolph

HAD BEEN JUDGE  
FOR 37 YEARS

His Early Life in Ver-  
mont and Gained His  
Education Here

Pawtucket, R. I., March 20.—William W. Blodgett, probate judge for 47 years and said to be the oldest probate judge in the United States, died here today, aged 91 years.

William Winthrop Blodgett was born in Randolph, Vt., July 8, 1824, the son of Eli and Irene (Dickinson) Blodgett. He was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1847 and received the degree of LL. D. from that institution in 1906. He began the practice of law in Pawtucket in 1850. He was annually elected judge of probate for 37 years. In politics he was a Republican and in religious preference an Episcopalian.

PICKED OUT HIS  
OWN SENTENCE

William Bissett Thought That Two  
Years in the State Prison Would Be  
About Right for Him—Mont-  
pelier Court Will Decide.

William Bissett, a resident of Burlington, arrested this forenoon by Chief of Police Connolly of Montpelier for petty larceny, pleaded with Grand Juror A. C. Theriault, who issued the warrant, to change the charge to burglary so that he might be sentenced to the state's prison at Windsor for a couple of years. The request was so unusual that the grand juror decided he needed the day to think it over and Bissett was committed to the jail for safe keeping.

Bissett appeared at the police station last evening and requested a night's lodging, being one of the few who have made such demands this season, and he was accommodated by the police, being assigned to a room operated by the city for just such transients.

This forenoon the landlady, Mrs. Lupton, made a complaint that her lodger had disappeared, taking with him several articles of wearing apparel. Bissett was easily located by Chief Connolly and appeared pleased to have been caught.

Taken before the grand juror he expressed a dislike for the house of correction and for the jail, but a decided preference for Windsor as an abiding place. At first he was of the opinion that a year in prison would suffice but later said that he would not be adverse to two years, drawing the line at that mark. He will probably be arraigned tomorrow before Acting Judge Moody on charge of petty larceny.

## FUNERAL HELD IN BARRE

For Miss Addie Richardson, Who Died in  
Brooklyn.

The funeral of Miss Addie Richardson, daughter of Mrs. Julia Richardson, whose death occurred in Brooklyn, N. Y., Thursday, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton S. Meaker, 40 Jefferson street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The remains arrived in the city over the Central Vermont railroad Saturday evening, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Meaker, who went to Brooklyn immediately on receipt of the news of Miss Richardson's death.

Rev. J. B. Reardon, pastor of the First Universalist church, was the officiating clergyman at the Sunday services and the bearers were as follows: H. A. Richardson, D. W. Blodgett, A. D. Cummings of St. Johnsbury, C. S. Meaker, W. G. Reynolds and Perley M. Carr. There were several fine floral tributes. Interment was made in the Richardson family lot at Elmwood cemetery.

## STORY PURE FABRICATION.

Italian Was Not Badly Treated in Chit-  
tenden County Jail.

Burlington, March 20.—That the Italian government had been investigating the Chittenden county jail as the result of the confinement of some Italians detained as witnesses for several months following the murder of Henry Bushey in Winslow two years ago by an unknown man has just become known. The investigation was conducted through the Italian consul in New York and Attorney Guy B. Horton of Burlington.

One of the men so detained, Antonio Tarzo, died before the case was disposed of, and another, Michele Dimase, was nearly frightened to death by alleged threats of violence from his countrymen if he told what he knew.

A third, Bruno Catalano, when he was finally released returned to Italy and told Tarzo's widow of the terrible treatment received by her husband. Mrs. Tarzo